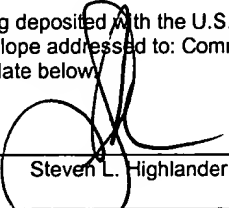




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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO
OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 15, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents
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Commissioner:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of two months to and including May 17, 2004 (May 15th being a Saturday), in which to respond to the Office Action dated December 15, 2003.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$210.00 is enclosed, which is the process fee (\$210.00) for a two-month extension of time.

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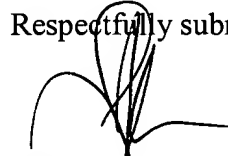
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Respectfully submitted,



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